



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

U.S.S. MULIPHEN LKA-61

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From: Commanding Officer, USS MULIPHEN (LKA-61)  
To: SN Kenneth R. MANGUM, USN, B22 02 94

Subj: Letter of Appreciation

1. This command undertook the difficult and unusual task of deactivating the USS MULIPHEN (LKA-61) in June of this year with a deadline of 01 September 1970. During this period, the crew has suffered many hardships, inconveniences and uncertainties. The difficulties encountered in living ashore and standing watches and working aboard during the heat and humidity of summer were many and varied. The complete lack of personal facilities and services aboard the ship during this period tried the crew in a way few have experienced before. Throughout this period, the technical problems of deactivation and the personal hardships encountered in working long and tiresome hours, has represented a burden few could have withstood.

2. The spirit you have demonstrated during this period and your willingness to accept the challenges of this difficult situation represent the highest traditions of the Navy. Your patience, perseverance, hard work and outstanding co-operation has minimized the difficulties and ensured the completion of our job on time.

3. I take pride and pleasure in the opportunity to express my gratitude for the abilities and the understanding you have displayed. Well Done!

J. C. BLAKE  
LCDR USNR  
Commanding Officer

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